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Application Number: 10/730,066)	Group Art Unit	1761
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For: FRYERS WHICH DEACTIVATE)		
BEFORE A LEVEL OF A COOKING)		
MEDIUM FALLS BELOW A)		
MINIMUM LEVEL, AND METHODS)		
OF DEACTIVATING SUCH FRYERS)		

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Sir:

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider these references and that the Examiner indicate that the enclosed references have been considered in this application by returning a copy of the form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609.

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Therefore, no fees are believed due as a result of this submission. However, in the event of any variance between the fees determined by Applicant and those determined by the PTO, please charge any such variance to undersigned's Deposit Account No. 02-0375.

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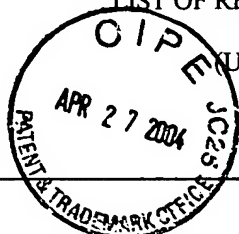
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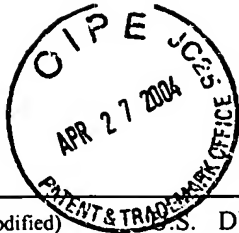
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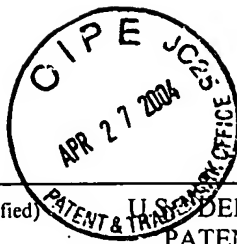
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